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TO: Medicaid Behavioral Health Providers

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RE: Award of Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder –
Managed Care Organization (MCO) Contract

Please share this information with administrative, clinical, and billing staff.

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care has awarded a full risk Behavioral Health Managed Care contract to Magellan Behavioral Health of Nebraska. The contract will begin September 1, 2013. Managed care is a delivery system where the MCO is contracted to authorize, arrange, provide and pay for services.

Since 2002, Magellan has operated under an Administrative Service Organization (ASO) contract for MLTC. As an ASO, Magellan is responsible for authorizing and coordinating medically necessary behavioral health services to managed care clients with MLTC responsible for payment of the services.

For Behavioral Health services provided September 1, 2013 and after, providers must bill Magellan Behavioral Health of Nebraska directly. Individuals that are Medicaid eligible, but are not enrolled in managed care will continue to be served by Nebraska Medicaid enrolled providers on a Fee-For-Service (FFS) basis. The payment for these services will continue through Nebraska Medicaid.

More information on the transition from an ASO to an MCO will become available through additional provider bulletins.

For questions about this provider bulletin, please contact Lori Lewis at (402) 471-6794, or email at lori.lewis@nebraska.gov.